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ASK HOGAN TO LIFT THE VEIL

Delegates Want Opinion On Ordinance Of 1787

is Bugbear To Convention--Chairman Peck Of Judiciary Committee Laughs At Fears Of Fellow Delegates--Long-Winded Orators Have Little Show With Members Of Liquor Traffic Committee, Who Declare Merits And Demerits Of License System Not At Stake

Columbus, O., Jan. 29.—Sometime during this week's session of the constitutional convention Attorney General Hogan will be asked for an opinion as to whether there is anything in the ordinance of 1787 which will prevent the convention from making certain innovations in the state's organic law. The delegate who will introduce the resolution asking for the opinion will also inquire whether there is anything in the venerable document which in any way will restrain the activities of the convention.

Chairman H. D. Peck of the judiciary committee of the convention is of the opinion that the ordinance of 1787 is a scarecrow and the fuss that has been made over the question is not to be taken seriously.

The question is the most momentous that the attorney general's department has been asked to pass upon. Since the supreme court handed down its opinion in the Boone case, declaring the "ordinance of 1787 is still under, above and before all laws and constitutions that have yet been adopted," the question has been widely discussed.

LaFollette Sends Advice. Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin has written President Bigelow, urging that provision be made for "government by majorities, not government by pluralities." The idea is for registration of first, second and third choices of the electors to prevent any plurality candidates from winning in elections.

The majority of the members of liquor traffic committee have expressed themselves as opposed to allowing orators for either side to consume long hours in argument. They contend that the merits or demerits of the license system are in no way involved in the question before the convention, but that the proposition is simply, "Shall this convention au-

thorize the people of the state to pass upon the question whether a license shall be issued?"

It developed that one of the hardest fights will be to prevent the committee on taxation from reporting out a provision in favor of classification of property. Delegate David Cunningham of Harrison county expressed the opinion that the majority report would favor the scheme.

No-License Hearings Begin. Columbus, O., Jan. 29.—Beginning this morning and continuing through tomorrow, the no-license element of the anti-saloon workers will hold a series of meetings at the Chamber of Commerce, in the hope of crystallizing public sentiment in favor of such a provision being inserted in the new state constitution.

SCATTER ASHES

Findlay, O., Jan. 29.—To carry out the request of his dead wife, James T. Findlay and his young daughter traveled from a small town near Portland, Ore., and from the four bridges that span the Blanchard river, threw ashes on the frozen water and then quietly walked away and left for their western home at once.

THUNDER AROUSES FINDLAY. Findlay, O., Jan. 29.—Thunder and lightning, quickly followed by a heavy fall of rain, sleet, hail and snow, visited Findlay, with the thermometer 14 degrees above zero.

FATALLY WOUNDED

Clyde, O., Jan. 29.—Shot through the neck while watching a street brawl following the ejection of two foreigners from a Lake Shore electric car, J. J. Lynch lies at the point of death. Little hope is held out for his recovery. His assailant, Salvatore Gugliotti of Toledo, was apprehended at Fremont and is now lodged in the Sandusky county jail.

Alleged Murderess Missing. Chicago, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Rene B. Morrow, indicted on a charge of murdering her husband Dec. 28, could not be found by deputy sheriffs. It was said she would be surrendered in court today by Charles E. Erstein, her lawyer.

AS YOU LIKE IT

A. L. Due, a pioneer fireworks manufacturer, died at his home in Reading, a Cincinnati suburb. According to the annual report of Ohio State university trustees the state has \$5,624,933.70 invested in that institution.

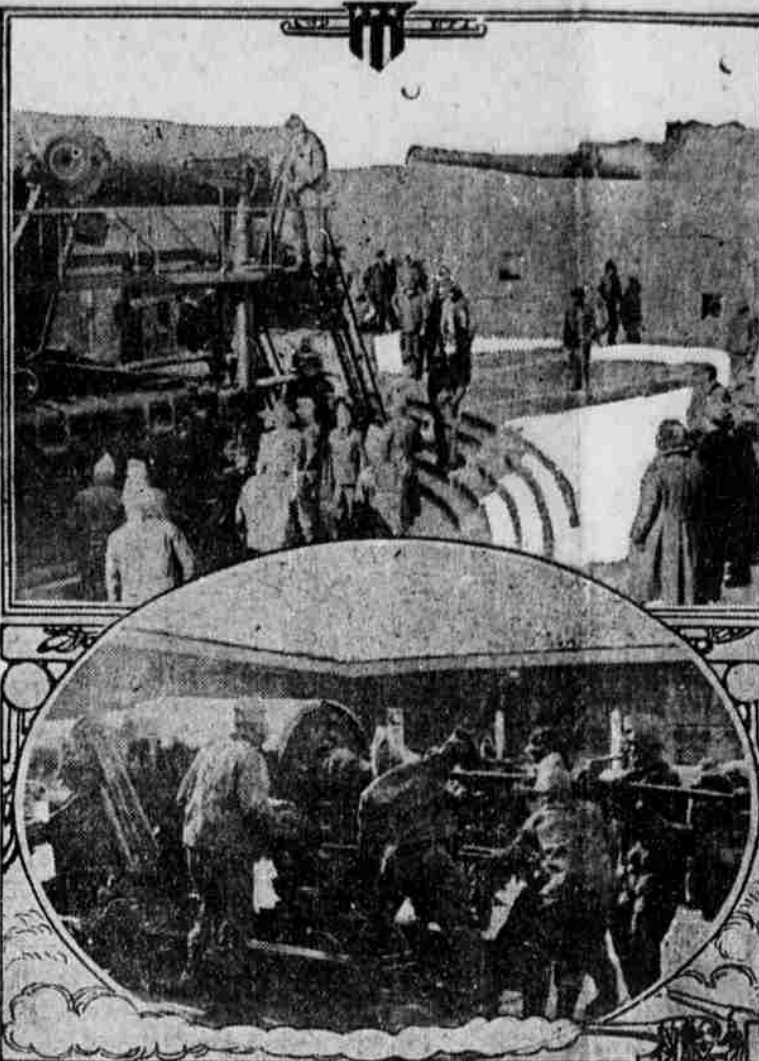
FALL FATAL TO LAD

Dyesville, O., Jan. 28.—Willie Frame, 10, slipped while carrying a bucket of coal into the house and fell, striking the back of his head on the ice. He received injuries which resulted in his death a few hours later.

American Fencer Wins. New York, Jan. 29.—Mrs. William H. Dewar of Philadelphia defeated Baroness de Meyer of England in a seven-minute bout with the foils before a select audience at the Colony club. The baroness is considered one of the most skillful women fencers in Europe.

Three Buildings Destroyed. Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 29.—A fire which started in a clothing store in the Academy of Music building, and communicated to the Miller building and a large warehouse in the rear of the academy building, caused a damage estimated at from \$200,000 to \$250,000. All three buildings were completely destroyed.

Some of the Big Guns That Guard New York From Attack



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THIS is the story of a battle recently fought in New York harbor: "The flagship of the enemy is now approaching the mine. She is closely followed by two torpedo boat destroyers. The flagship now lies over the mine and the man at the levers and keys destroys her. The torpedo boat destroyers are driven within range of the fort's big guns that are now trained on them. Another order is given, and the torpedo boat destroyers are sunk." Such, at any rate, was the explanation given by the commanding officer at Fort Hamilton to the secretary of war when he watched the handling of the big guns in repelling an imaginary attack upon the city by sea. The upper picture shows a gunner sighting his piece and the lower a gun crew loading a "Long Tom" for the secretary's benefit.

OPEN LAWLESSNESS AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Springfield, O., Jan. 29.—Following a week of open lawlessness, in which a policeman was brutally assaulted in a district known as Bootleggers' Nest, a house in which charity agents, believed to have been dry detectives, were stoned and fired upon with shotguns, a detective was chased by a crowd of hoodlums and a lawyer and three dry detectives were threat-

ened with lynching by a mob which formed at police headquarters and the municipal court, a citizens' mass meeting was held. Resolutions deprecating the lawless condition into which the city has drifted and threatening to impeach the city and county officials were adopted. The Ministerial association will report the conditions here to Governor Harmon.

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED THREATENED VIOLENCE

Cleveland, O., Jan. 29.—As a result of a mass meeting of unemployed in the public square, a committee of Socialists will attempt to force an interview with President Taft during his visit here today to demand that the government take steps to furnish work for those without jobs throughout the country. If his fails, resolutions, unanimously adopted, provide for the formation of a second Coxey's army to descend on Washington.

It was also decided to march on the city council tonight 10,000 strong

and demand that the city furnish immediate employment. If the demand is not met, the plan is to seize a grocery store somewhere in the business section and distribute its proceeds.

Sculptor Ends Own Life. New York, Jan. 29.—Charles Y. Harvey, sculptor, was found dead in Bronx park. The sculptor had cut his throat. His friends say that Mr. Harvey had become discouraged because his work was not more popular.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

St. Clairsville, O., Jan. 28.—In a futile effort to prevent a collision between the first and second sections of his train, Walter Stone, 30, a B. & O. brakeman of Newark, was crushed at Lamira and died later.

Company. A crowd is not company. Fires are but a gallery of pictures where there is no love and talk but a ticking bomb.—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

HEAD SHOT OFF

Newark, O., Jan. 29.—Chester Franklin, 40, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun, the muzzle of which he placed against his forehead, pulling the trigger with his toes.

Cremated in Gasoline Explosion. Gallipolis, O., Jan. 29.—Gardner Blake, 38, a miller, burned to a crisp when, by mistake, he poured gasoline in a stove in his flour mill at Mul-

MINERS STAND PAT ON RAISE

Will Strike Before Accepting Cut in Wages.

COMPROMISE ALSO REJECTED

Officers and Members of Scale Committee Hold Caucus and Decide That Order to Drop Tools Will Be Issued If Operators Do Not Meet Demands—Expect Enough Districts to Sign to Keep Balance of Members on Strike.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—Officers and members of the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America held a caucus to discuss the subject of the demands of the miners and the counter demands of the operators, the first for an advance of 10 cents a ton on mining coal and the latter for a reduction of the same amount from the present scale.

The whole subject was carefully gone over and resulted in a determination to order a strike unless the increase should be granted. It was believed that the operators would be willing to renew the scale, and the opinion was generally held that the demand for a reduction was merely a bluff, but the conference determined that nothing short of an increase would be satisfactory to the organization and that a strike would be necessary to enforce it.

Treasury Not Overflowing.

After the conference some of the miners privately admitted that the organization is not in a condition financially to conduct a strike and that one would be hopeless unless the majority of the members of the organization can be continued at work so as to respond to assessments.

The opinion was expressed, though, that the operators in some of the districts would grant the wage demanded, and that this would enable the organization to carry on the strike where the terms are not complied with. It was said that district settlements had been approved in the past because of this fact, and that it would be the policy of the officers to make such settlements when present contracts expire, so as to keep some of the miners at work while others were on strike.

WATTERSON IS SILENT

Colonel Waits For Wilson to Catch Up In Gabfest.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Marse Henry Watterson may have nothing further to say on the subject of the Wilson-Harvey political controversy. He is awaiting a reply from Governor Wilson to his proposal that the issues involved should be submitted to a "gentlemen's court of honor."

Colonel Watterson refused to make any comment on the interview of William F. McCombs, the Wilson manager, who said that Mr. Watterson suggested that Thomas F. Ryan ought to be interested in the candidacy of Mr. Wilson, adding, according to Mr. McCombs, "money and not patriotism counts in political campaigns."

Colonel Watterson was indignant over the statement quoted, but insisted that he would say nothing until he heard from Governor Wilson directly.

PRICE ON DREW'S HEAD?

Detective Foster Explains Encounter With Iron Workers' Official.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—Robert J. Foster, the detective in the employ of the National Erectors' association who assaulted President Ryan of the ironworkers, said that there is no question but a price has been set on the head of Walter Drew, counsel for the Erectors' association, and there is every reason to believe that the ironworkers' organization or some other labor organization, at its instance, has set aside the sum of \$5,000 for that purpose. He said that the information came to him some time ago and that he had been running it down and is satisfied of its certainty, and that his only purpose in calling upon Ryan was to place the fact before him and demand that the offer of the reward be withdrawn.

Moles on the Face.

With Turkish ladies moles on the face are considered a great beauty, the pretty theory being that Love has kissed and left a spot or that spirits whispering in the ear have left their light touch on the cheek. No Turkish woman is considered perfectly beautiful, in fact, without a mole or two.

SHOT DEAD BY YOUNG BANDIT

Wealthy Hoosier Called To Door At Late Hour

Grapples With Intruder, Seizes Revolver Which Is Wrested From Grasp In Struggle And Turned Against Defenseless Body--Would-Be Robber Takes To Heels But Is Captured Un Strength Of Description Furnished By Witness To Crime--Confesses To Police

Marion, Ind., Jan. 29.—Cecil Fordyce, on robbery bent, summoned Clarkson Wilcuts, 72, one of the wealthiest citizens of this county, to his door as the latter was preparing to retire for the night, and shot him dead when he refused to give up his money.

As Wilcuts opened the door, Fordyce, who is but 22, pointed a pistol at him and demanded his money. Wilcuts grabbed the pistol and a struggle followed. Fordyce released himself from the old man's clutch and deliberately aimed the pistol at him and fired, the bullet entering just below the heart, and causing death a few moments later.

Within an hour after the murder Fordyce was arrested from a description given of him by a neighbor, who saw him running away from the Wilcuts home after the shooting, and when taken to the police station he confessed the crime.

CLUBMAN SHOT DOWN

Had Opened Fire on Chauffeur Caught Riding With Wife.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Shot in a pistol duel with S. R. Timothy, chauffeur for a neighbor, J. J. Moore, millionaire clubman, whose domestic troubles were before the divorce court several weeks ago, died in a hospital here several hours later. The shooting took place at his home in San Mateo county.

Some months ago Moore sued for divorce, charging cruelty and other things, but did not specifically accuse his wife of misconduct. Mrs. Moore filed a cross complaint asking for divorce on the ground of cruelty. After a long and sensational trial the court denied a divorce to either. Mrs. Moore was charged with many offenses and too much familiarity with servants and others, and serious counter charges were made. Timothy was one of the witnesses for Mrs. Moore.

Ambushed Intended Victim.

Moore was called to his home by a detective whom he had employed to watch his wife. He lay in wait in the shrubbery at the gate of his spacious grounds and about 10:30 Timothy drove up in his employer's machine. Mrs. Moore was in the car with him. Moore jumped from the car, leaped from the car, ran across the road and took refuge behind some trees, and fired one shot. The bullet struck Moore in the abdomen, passing through his liver. Moore sank to the ground, while Timothy surrendered to the police.

An examination of Timothy's room showed several handsome pictures of Mrs. Moore, likewise empty chambers.

SIX MEN WERE BURNED CIGARET HITS A BOMB

New York, Jan. 29.—Six men were badly injured at Creedmore, the old state rifle range, where 400 soldiers from Fort Hamilton were posing for a moving picture scene for a moving picture concern, when, after the sham battle which had crowned the picturesqueness of the picture, some one threw

pagne glasses. Many articles of wearing apparel were found in his apartments bearing Moore's initials. The room had been recently occupied. Moore is about 55, while Mrs. Moore is 38. Timothy is a handsome fellow of 30.

FRACTURED SKULL

Zanesville, O., Jan. 29.—Russell Twigg was struck over the head with a boot by Thomas Harris, colored, during a quarrel, and knocked unconscious. It is feared his skull is fractured.

THIRTEEN MISSING IN RIVER MISHAP

Rowboat Caught by Ice Jam Near Cairo, Ill.

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 29.—Twelve passengers and one ferryman probably were lost when a rowboat in which they were crossing the Mississippi river from Birds Point, Mo., to Cairo, was caught in an ice jam. They were being ferried across to the Cotton Belt railway station here. Searching parties, which were immediately sent out when the news reached here, have been unable to find any trace of the lost boat or its passengers.

TO ABANDON ARMY POSTS.

Stimson Makes Recommendation in Interest of Economy.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary of War Stimson, acting on an exhaustive report from the general staff, has decided that no less than 16, and probably 18, existing army posts should at once be abandoned in order to put an end to the extravagance and inefficiency resulting from improper distribution of the mobile army.

Blacksmith Drops Dead.

Washington C. H., O., Jan. 29.—John Davis, blacksmith at Good Hope, was shoeing a horse and had the horse's hoof up ready to drive a nail when he fell dead on the shop floor. He was 77 years old.